



## **BEARFACTS 1988 – 1998**

### **Mason , West Virginia [54053]**

Mason is one of 55 counties in West Virginia. It is part of the Point Pleasant, WV-OH Micropolitan SA. Its 1998 population of 25,908 ranked 27th in the state.

#### **PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME**

In 1998 Mason had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$17,562. This PCPI ranked 31st in the state and was 87 percent of the state average, \$20,226, and 65 percent of the national average, \$26,883. The 1998 PCPI reflected an increase of 7.0 percent from 1997. The 1997-1998 state change was 5.1 percent and the national change was 6.1 percent. In 1988 the PCPI of Mason was \$10,600 and ranked 34th in the state. The 1988-1998 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 5.2 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.9 percent and for the nation was 4.5 percent.

#### **TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME**

In 1998 Mason had a total personal income (TPI) of \$455,003\*. This TPI ranked 27th in the state and accounted for 1.2 percent of the state total. In 1988 the TPI of Mason was \$271,864\* and ranked 29th in the state. The 1998 TPI reflected an increase of 6.8 percent from 1997. The 1997-1998 state change was 4.9 percent and the national change was 7.4 percent. The 1988-1998 average annual growth rate of TPI was 5.3 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.8 percent and for the nation was 5.8 percent.

#### **COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME**

Total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence; dividends, interest, and rent; and personal current transfer receipts received by the residents of Mason. In 1998 net earnings accounted for 58.2 percent of TPI (compared with 61.4 in 1988); dividends, interest, and rent were 15.3 percent (compared with 17.0 in 1988); and personal current transfer receipts were 26.4 percent (compared with 21.6 in 1988). From 1997 to 1998 net earnings increased 6.8 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 9.6 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 5.4 percent. From 1988 to 1998 net earnings increased on average 4.7 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 4.2 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 7.4 percent.

#### **EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK**

Earnings of persons employed in Mason increased from \$247,383\* in 1997 to \$262,516\* in 1998, an increase of 6.1 percent. The 1997-1998 state change was 4.3 percent and the national change was 7.8 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1988 estimate of \$170,699\* to the 1998 estimate was 4.4 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.3 percent and for the nation was 5.5 percent.

*\*Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.*

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